



**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Honorable Carl Elliott, Chairman  
Select Committee on Government Research  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 20 October 1964 requesting that the data sheets enclosed in that letter be completed. The information requested of this Agency would in many aspects be highly classified. In addition, the information requested would be revealing of procedures and systems which, in turn, would involve intelligence methods and operational details. In this connection it is pointed out that section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act provides "That the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."

The type of information which would be involved in completion of the data sheets is fully available to the CIA Subcommittees of the House and the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. I do not believe it would be appropriate to forward this type of information without clearance from the Chairmen of those Subcommittees.

I regret that we cannot be more helpful. May I suggest that I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you personally at any time.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director

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**Remarks:** Attached is a proposed response to the Select Committee on Government Research which requested completion by the Agency of detailed forms entitled "Inventory of Security Clearance Systems." It would appear that the Committee's request goes considerably beyond their charter. As background, this Committee in part was set up to provide a base to assist in the re-election of Carl Elliott. That effort failed since he was defeated in the primary and we are informed that there is no plan to reconstitute this Committee. Recommend this polite "no" letter which we will hand carry and await further developments.

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